

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
PINE BLUFF DIVISION**

JASON N. WATSON  
ADC #115178

PETITIONER

VS.

5:06CV00087 GH/JTR

LARRY NORRIS, Director,  
Arkansas Department of Correction

RESPONDENT

**ORDER**

Petitioner, an inmate at the Cummins Unit of the Arkansas Department of Correction, has filed a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, and has paid the filing fee. (Docket entry #1.) The Court will therefore order service of the Petition.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of the habeas Petition (docket entry #1) and this Order on Respondent and the Arkansas Attorney General by mail.
2. Respondent shall file a responsive pleading **within twenty (20) days** of service. Respondent is directed to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases with regard to the required contents of an Answer.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE